

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

May 10, 2004

In re the Application of

Frederic BESEME et al.

Application No.: 10/717,580

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Docket No.: 105045.01

For:

ENDOGENETIC RETROVIRAL SEQUENCES, ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOIMMUNE

DISEASES OR WITH PREGNANCY DISORDERS

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired March 9, 2004, an extension of time for a period of TWO months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 153895 in the amount of \$420 in payment for:

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